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S I R,

IN Obedience to your Command, you are here presented with a *Journal* of our *Voyage* from *Spithead* to *Mahon*, interspersed, according to your *Desire*, with *curfory Remarks*.

But before I proceed in this *Attempt*, I would beg *Leave* to lay before you my *impartial Thoughts*, upon the *past* and *present State* of our *Affairs*.

Permit me, then, upon a *strict Enquiry* into our *past Conduct*, to assure you, That I am *intirely* convinced, that, as it is the *real Interest*, so it has been the *constant Care* of the *present ESTABLISHMENT*, to free Us from the *Evils* that have pressed us at *Home*, and to put an End to the *Grievances* that affected Us *Abroad*. I shall not here enter into a *Detail* of *Particulars*, but only in *General* remark, That, as we are a *trading Nation*, our *publick Negotiations*, and our *private Transactions*, appear to have been *worthy* of a *GREAT PRINCE*, and a *GOOD MINISTER*, by our so long *Enjoyment* of a *beneficial Peace*. For, that a *KING*, bred up in *sundry Camps*, exposed in *confederate Armies*, and successful in *heroick Actions*, has rather been the *civil Guardian*, than the *military Leader* of his *People*, must be owing to his *fatherly Concern* for the *national Advantage*; as sacrificing his *Love* of *Fame* to the *Welfare* of his *Subjects*: And, that a *MINISTER*, studious to preserve our *Wealth*, cautious to avoid *Expences*, and willing to save *Blood-Shed*, hath, under his *MAJESTY*, with his *Consent*, and by his *Approbation*, maintained the *general Tranquillity*, must be the *Consciousness* of his *upright Management*; it being common for *guilty Ministers* to involve *States* and *Kingdoms* in a *War*, thereby to divert the *Publick* from a *due Examination* of their *illegal Proceedings*.

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Time, with Thirteen Guns each; which Salutes We returned with Seventeen. About an *Hour* afterwards, We anchored in the *Road* of *St. Hellen's*, where were the *Somerſet*, *Edinburgh*, and *Jerſey*; and the *Flag*, by Order, being ſtruck, was hoisted on *Board* the *Somerſet*.

The next Morning the ADMIRAL went on *Board* the *Somerſet*, and at *Five o'Clock* in the *Afternoon*, the *Signal* being made to weigh, We came to ſail, about an *Hour* afterwards, in *Company* with the *Somerſet*, *Lancaſter*, *Edinburgh*, *Ipfwich*, *Berwick*, *Jerſey*, *Plymouth*, *Canterbury*, *Sole-Bay Fire-Ship*, and *Rich-Charlot Tender*.

The *Day* following the *Articles of War* were read to the *Ship's Company*; whereupon our CAPTAIN, who is a fine GENTLEMAN, and a good OFFICER, made an excellent *Speech* to Them; acquainting Them with the *Motives* to, and the *Intent* of, the *Expedition*; at the ſame Time recommending to Them *true Courage*, and deſcribing to Them its *due Application*, in Caſe of an *Engagement*; at the *Concluſion* whereof, ſuch a general *Spirit* of intrepid *Bravery*, and ſuch a particular *Senſe* of its proper *Uſe*, was expreſſed by Them, as evidently demonſtrated a hearty *Deſire*, and ſincere *Deſign* on their *Parts*, to contribute their utmoſt *Endeavours*, towards the having *Right* done to the *Nation*: And I may venture to answer for Them, (nay, and according to a common *Report*, for their *Brethren* in the preſent SQUADRON,) that their *Actions* will not contradict their *Words*, if the *Spaniards* are determined to make the *Experiment*.

As I am obliged to take Notice, only, of *Matters* within my *Obſervation*, it is ſufficient in *General* to remark, That there being but little *Wind*, and *hazy Weather*, We did not take our *Departure* from the *Lizard*, till the *Twenty Seventh* of the ſame *Instant*, in the *Evening*; and having had ſome *Calms* in our *Paſſage*, did not arrive in the *Bay* of GIBRALTAR, till the *Tenth* of laſt *June*; wherein We came to an *Anchor* about *Eight o'Clock* at *Night*. At our going into the *Bay*, the *Fort* did not, as uſual, ſalute the ADMIRAL; occaſioned by a *Miſtake* in the *Officer* of the *Guard*; and not any *Neglect* of *Command* from the GOVERNOR; whoſe eminent *Services* in the *Defence* of GREAT BRITAIN, and the *Safety* of the PROTESTANT SUCCESSION, cannot but free Him from any *Imputation* of that *Nature*; eſpecially, to ſo known a *Friend* to our HAPPY ESTABLISHMENT, and ſo true a *Lover* of our ENVIED CONSTITUTION, as our ADMIRAL, upon many *Occaſions*, has ſignalized Himſelf to be.

The *Day* following, being the ANNIVERSARY of his MAJESTY'S ACCESSION to the THRONE, the *Fort*, at *Twelve o'Clock*, fired *One* and *Twenty Guns*; and at *One o'Clock*, the ADMIRAL ſpread all his *Colours*, and fired the ſame *Number* of *Guns*; every *Ship* in the *Squadron* firing, at the ſame *Time*, *Nineteen Guns* each. In the *Evening*, the ADMIRAL went on *Shore*; and the *Fort*, upon his *landing*, ſaluted him with *Fifteen Guns*. All the *Ships* manned, as uſual, at his *Going* and *Return*.

I had the *Curiosity*, with *Leave* from my CAPTAIN, to go the *Day* following, and view GIBRALTAR; towards the *Security* whereof, both *Nature* and *Art* seem so far to have contributed, as to render the *taking* thereof, whilst We have a *Superiority* by *Sea*, humanly speaking, *impossible*. And as this *Place*, which is our *Honour* and *Strength Abroad*, by reason of the *Advantage* and *Defence* to our *Trade* and *Navigation*, was won by our *Arms* in *lawful War*; ascertained to Us as our *Property*, by all the *Parties* concerned in it; and secured to Us as our *Right*, by the *present King* of *Spain Himself*, in the *Treaty of Utrecht*, *One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Thirteen*; and in *That of Seville*, *One Thousand, Seven Hundred, and Twenty Nine*; and as the *Nation* universally agree, that no *Sum of Money*, nor any *foreign Place* can be *equivalent* to it; if *Spain* should again endeavour to wrest it out of our *Hands*, in *Violation* of the *Solemnity* and *Trust* in *Treaties*; or if any *Designs* should be formed, or any *Proposals* made, whereby it may be *basely* yielded up, or *artfully* betrayed into the *Power* of the *Spaniards*; no *One* among Us can be wanting in *Duty* and *Interest* to frustrate the *Attempt* and *Device*. For were it once gone out of our *Possession*, We should have still *less Hopes* of seeing *Treaties* observed; or of being *more* and *more* injured in our *foreign Trade* and *Navigation*.

As We lay in the *Bay* till the *Fifteenth Instant*, We received the *joyful News* of the *safe Delivery* of HER ROYAL HIGHNESS, the PRINCESS of WALES, of a SON, GEORGE DUKE of CORNWALL. At *Nine o'Clock* in the *Morning*, the *Signal* being made to weigh, We came to sail in *Company* with the *Rest* of the *Fleet*, an *Hour* afterwards, the *Garison* saluting, and the ADMIRAL answering with *Fifteen Guns* each.

The next *Day* about *Ten o'Clock* in the *Morning*, We drew a-*Breast*, upon the ADMIRAL's *Signal*, according to the *following Line* of *Battle*, dated on *Board* our *Ship*, at *Spithead*, the *Twenty First* of *last May*, viz.

The *Lancaster* to lead with the *Starboard*, and the *Edinburgh* with the *Larboard Tacks*, on *Board*.

| | Rates | Ships | Captains | Men | Guns |
|---------------------|-------|------------|----------|-----|------|
| | 3 | Lancaster | Cayley | 600 | 80 |
| | 4 | Canterbury | Cotterel | 400 | 60 |
| | 4 | Jersey | Yeo | 400 | 60 |
| Albora' Fire-Ship | 3 | Ipswich | Martin | 480 | 70 |
| Sole-Bay Fire-Ship | 3 | Somerset | Barnsley | 615 | 80 |
| Rich-Charlot Tender | 3 | Berwick | Solgard | 480 | 70 |
| | 4 | Plymouth | Townsend | 400 | 60 |
| | 4 | Dragon | Barnett | 400 | 60 |
| | 3 | Edinburgh | Geddes | 480 | 70 |

In this *sham Action*, our CAPTAIN took *singular Pains* to instruct the *Seamen* in the *right Management* of a *real Fight*; by which Means, that
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true English Spirit, appearing so prevalent upon this *present Occasion*, will have its proper *Use*, and *due Effect*, in *Case* of a *War*.

At half an Hour past Four o'Clock of the next Morning, the ADMIRAL made a Signal to speak with our CAPTAIN; and having spoke with Him, ordered Him, as having the best sailing Ship in the SQUADRON, to look into Carthagera. About Noon, Carthagera bearing N. B. E. Five or Six Miles, We saw Four Men of War in that Bay; which by the Report of a Spanish Boat that We lay too, and spoke with, about half an Hour afterwards, were One of Seventy, Two of Sixty, and One of Thirty-Six Guns; but wanted, and waited there for, their Complement of Men. By the Intelligence We had from several Vessels in our Passage, these Ships must have come lately from Cadiz, and have an Admiral with Them.

Nothing more remarkable happening in the Course of our Voyage, it may suffice to inform you, That on the Twenty Sixth of the same Instant, about Five o'Clock in the Afternoon, We anchored in the Harbour of MAHON; (the Advantage whereof to our Fleets and Ships, when in the Mediterranean, We have sufficiently experienced, and shall do more, should the happy Peace We have so long enjoyed, be now turned into a War with France and Spain;) having, at our going in, been saluted by the Fort of St. Phillips with Seventeen Guns; and by the Gloucester with Fifteen; the former of which Salutes, the ADMIRAL returned with the same Number of Guns; and the latter with Thirteen.

Thus, Sir, I have finished the Task you were pleased to require of Me; and have taken the Liberty to throw You some political Reflexions into the Bargain. I shall conclude with a *Hope*, that the Nation will universally and chearfully concur, effectually to provide for all such Expences as may arise, and all such Engagements as may be made, to obtain the great and good Ends, for which We are now fitted out.

I am, SIR,

From on Board his MAJESTY's Ship,
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Yours, &c.

GEORGE LUMLEY.

